



HUNTSVILLE
The Star of Alabama

MARK RUSSELL RECREATION CENTER

Winter 2023 Programs

Programs Run January-February 2023

UPCOMING CITY-WIDE SPECIAL EVENTS

Tinsel Trail at Big Spring Park November 25—January 2

This annual holiday event begins on November 25 with the lighting of the Mayor's Tree at 6 p.m. Trees are available for viewing day or night, seven days a week.

Community Kite Festival Saturday, March 4, 11 a.m.– 3 p.m.

Join us, the AshaKiran Foundation, and the City of Huntsville Multicultural Affairs Office for the 11th annual Community Kite Festival! All are welcome! Bring your own kite, purchase one at the event, or just enjoy watching all the kites fly. There will also be music, entertainment, and food to enjoy.

YOUTH PROGRAMS (GRADES 1-12)

Winter Break Camp December 19-22, 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

Limited to 15; Registration required on the website; \$50/\$25 fee HuntsvilleAL.gov/Youth-Programs
Open to City of Huntsville residents/students in grades 1-6. Registration is required and fee is \$50 for first child and \$25 for siblings in same family. Campers must bring their own non-refrigerated/non-microwaveable lunch. We can only take 15 campers, so don't wait to register—do it today!

Afterschool Program Weekdays, 2:30-6 p.m.

Limited to 15; Registration required
\$20/\$10 weekly fee

Male Mentorship Program Once a Month, January-March

Free monthly series; registration required online HuntsvilleAL.gov/Youth-Programs
Open to boys ages 7-17. Check link for more details as program/venue changes monthly.

Tween Fridays

First Friday of Month, 6-7:30 p.m.

Free drop-in activity, but waiver needed. Ages 10-12. Starting January 6, this new program will have activities decided on by the tweens themselves! Join us for our first event where we will play active games and decide on next month's activity!

FREE CLASS Intro to Ballet and Jazz

Fridays, Jan. 13-March 10, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Limited to 8; Register by Jan. 6—call center. Ages 5-7. Learn the basic techniques in ballet and jazz dances. Class will end with a recital on Saturday, March 11.

FREE CLASS Valentine's Heart Garland

Saturday, February 11, 10-11 a.m.

Limited to 12; Register by Feb. 3—call center. Ages 7-12. Join us as we make a cute heart garland that you will want to keep up year round! All supplies will be provided.

OPEN TO ALL AGES

Walk for Health

Mondays-Fridays, 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Free drop-in activity.
Dedicated gym time for you to come in and get in your laps in an indoor environment. Rainy days can't be an excuse any more! This is an easy and fun way to burn calories, strengthen the heart, and improve endurance. Runs year-round at this time.

PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAMS AGES 5 AND YOUNGER

Library's Bookmobile Storytime

First Monday of Month, 10-11 a.m.

Free drop-in activity. Ages 2 and up. Starting in February 2023, join the Huntsville-Madison County Library at the Center! Storytime will be a mix of stories and guided activities to entertain the little ones, followed by a visit to the Bookmobile!

FREE CLASS **Tiny Twirlers**

Mondays, January 9-March 6, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Limited to 10. Register by Jan. 6—call center. Ages 3-5.

Local baton coach and former National Baton Twirling Champion Terri Ellett will introduce the class to the magic of baton twirling. Batons will be provided in this beginner class.

FREE CLASS **Preschool Dance**

Wednesdays, January 11-March 8

Limited to 5. Register by Jan. 6—call center. Ages 3-5.

Learn the foundations of dance etiquette, stretching, and coordination while enhancing the imagination! Classes end with a recital on Saturday, March 11.

Class 1: 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Class 2: 1:15-2:15 p.m.

ADULT PROGRAMS & ATHLETICS

Smooth Groovin' Dance

Tuesdays, 9-10 a.m.

Free drop-in activity. Ages 50+.

Join this low-impact dance class where you can groove to oldies and newer songs! This class is taught by a certified instructor. Runs year-round at this time.

Social Pickleball

Monday-Friday, 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Free drop-in activity, but yearly waiver needed.

We play Social Pickleball at Mark Russell, meaning that the focus is on fun and friendship, while still getting in some good exercise! Runs year-round at this time.

30 & Over Volleyball Aces

Wednesdays, Jan. 11-March 8, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Free drop-in activity, but waiver needed.

Dedicated gym time for adults ages 30 and over to engage in friendly volleyball play.

30 & Over Big Shots Basketball

Wednesdays, Jan. 13-March 10, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Free drop-in activity, but waiver needed.

Dedicated gym time for adults ages 30 and over to engage in friendly basketball play.

GYM AND ROOM RENTAL INFORMATION

We can only accommodate rentals in 1-hour increments. A Facility Use Application is required and must be submitted and approved before use of facility—at least 2 days prior to event is required.

RATES

½ Gym = \$15 per hour

Activity Room #1 = \$15 per hour

Full Gym = \$30 per hour

Activity Room #2 = \$20 per hour

TABLES AND CHAIRS

Activity Room #1 = 8 tables/20 chairs

Activity Room #2 = 12 tables/30 chairs

PAYMENTS: We can accept cash, checks, and debit/credit cards. Cards have a transaction fee based on total amount due. For cash, we can only accept exact amounts—no change is available.

AFTERNOON AND EVENING BASKETBALL FREE PLAY

We are working to establish set Open Court Times for basketball play based on ages/grades. Until then, Basketball Free Play is always dependent on space available due to other programs happening on the courts. You may call the Center to ask about open times due to rentals or check for a schedule at the Center.

UPCOMING REGISTRATIONS FOR EASTERN LEAGUE SPORTS

FEBRUARY/MARCH-Baseball, Softball, Soccer

Get more info at the **NEW** Eastern League website at hsv-eastern-league.sportsengine-prelive.com.

MARK RUSSELL RECREATION CENTER HOURS

Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-7:45 p.m. · Saturday 9 a.m.-12:45 p.m. · Sunday 1 -4:45 p.m.

CENTER CLOSED DATES THIS QUARTER

Monday, January 2 · Monday, January 16

Center hours may change due to community health issues or weather situations.

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See the full department program guide at huntsvilleal.gov/parks-recreation-program-guides